

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

9. (Previously presented) A composition of the formulae:

5 (a) $\text{H}-F_m-\text{O}-(\text{CR}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CR}_2)_2-\text{O}-\text{H}$; or

(b) $\text{H}-\text{O}-\text{A}-\text{O}-(\text{CR}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CR}_2)_2-F^l_{(m+1)}-\text{O}-\text{A}-\text{O}-\text{H}$,

wherein

C, O, H and S have their normal meaning of carbon, oxygen, hydrogen and sulfur;

n is at least 2 and not more than about 8;

10 F is of the formula $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{O}-\text{A}-$;

F^l is of the formula $-\text{O}-\text{A}-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$;

m is at least 1; and

A is a fatty acid dimer residue, which includes carbonyl groups.

15 Claims 10-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) A composition of the formula:

(a) $\text{H}-F_m-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{O}-\text{H}$; or

(b) $\text{H}-\text{Z}-\text{A}-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CH}_2)_2-F^l_{(m+1)}-\text{O}-\text{A}-\text{Z}^1-\text{H}$,

20 wherein

C, O, H and S have their normal meaning of carbon, oxygen and sulfur;

n is at least 2 and not more than about 8;

F is of the formula $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{O}-\text{A}-$;

F^I is of the formula $-O-A-O-(CH_2)_2-S_n-(CH_2)_2-$;

m is at least 1;

Z and Z^I are the same or different and are oxy or amino; and

A is a fatty acid dimer residue.

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Claims 23-27. (Cancelled).